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1. Observation of Rangsdorf airfield (282) on 2 June 1948 disclosed that no expansion to the south had occurred, although [] the field could be enlarged in that direction to two-thirds of its present size. Three groups of fifty men each were seen digging drainage ditches or laying drain pipes in the meadowland bordering the canal. Also, ditches were being dug for cables running from the Zossen railway line southwest toward the field. This latter project has just begun.
2. Approximately 2,000 troops are stationed at Rangsdorf, including ground crews. There are also 400 to 500 Soviet civilian workers and their dependents, all of them living in settlement houses on the field. No Germans are employed. The former aircraft factory is used as a workshop. Lively activity was noticed in the vicinity of the underground hangars, but it is not known whether or not these have been destroyed.
3. On 2 June there were thirty-five YAK fighters near the hangars and an additional number of planes (total not given) were discerned on the southwest part of the field.
4. The Rangsdorf training program appears to be a normal one for fighter pilot schools. Although only brief solo flights were observed, a casual informant stated that 100-120 planes take off at short intervals each Wednesday and fly southeast in single file, more or less following the Autobahn. Residents of Calau (A26) and Forst (A77) report such flights continuing southeast. The planes are observed during morning hours; formation flights occur in the afternoons over the area of Forst, Calau, Cottbus, Spremberg and Finsterwalde.

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